

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Image processing of one image processing unit to be performed is divided into an image input job in which image data is input from an image input section and an image output job in which image data is output to an image output section. Execution of the image input job and that of the image output job are controlled independently. After a preceding image input job is finished, a new image input job is started before the image output job corresponding to the preceding image input job is finished.